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Ref: 19-F-1058

Liam Knox
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Dear Mr. Knox:

This is the final response to your April 18, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. Your request was received in this office on April 18, 2019 and assigned FOIA case number 19-F-1058. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (PA), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), assessed their records systems based on the information provided in your request. After a thorough assessment of the electronic records and files of PA, no records of the kind you described could be identified.

Furthermore, since this FOIA Office only processes requests for OSD and Joint Staff (JS), we have forwarded your request to the agency below for direct response to you:

Department of the Air Force
SAF/AAL(FOIA)
1000 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1000

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Jim Hogan, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

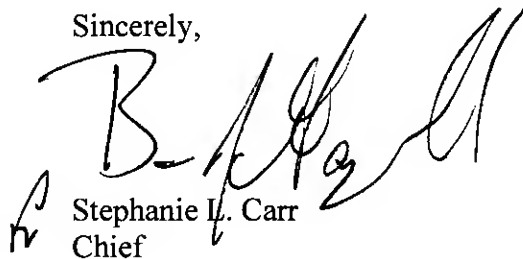
Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
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You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 19-F-1058 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Bethlehem Addis, at bethlehem.addis.civ@mail.mil or (571) 372-0424.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie L. Carr', with a stylized flourish extending to the right. To the left of the signature is a small, handwritten mark that looks like a stylized 'B' or 'C'.

Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated